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Yesterday arriv'd a Mail from Holland.

Petersburgh, April 16.

WE learn from Moscow, that a great Council of State was held there, in order to deliberate on the Memorials presented by two certain Courts, relative to the Succours the Czarina is bound to give them, in case of a War; but no Resolution was taken at the Rising of that Council. Her Majesty has, at the same time, pleas'd to declare, that the Marriage between his Imperial Highness and the Princess of Anhalt Zerbst should be celebrated some time in the month of June; and that immediately after her Imperial Majesty intended to assume his Imperial Highness as Colegue in the Empire.

Warsaw, April 17. The young Staroſt Goſcynski, who was of Count Tarlo's Family, was lately killed in a Duel by a Pistol Shot from the Staroſt of Stolnik. An Account or two of the like Nature has happen'd among these People, in Consequence of the great Quarrel between the two Houses of Poniatowski and Tarlo; which fills us with Apprehensions of seeing the whole Kingdom turn'd into a Field of Blood by these inteſtine Quarrels, unless the Presence of the King should put an End to these Confusions, both Parties agreeing to the warmest Protestations of Loyalty to him, and his Family. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer the Pension of 4000 Crowns per Annum, which returned to the Crown by the Death of Count Tarlo, on the Duchess Dowager of Courland.

Naples, April 7. The King has given Orders to publish throughout all the Cities of this Kingdom, the Measures which obliged him to leave this Capital, where Affairs are still in a very confused State. Two Magistrates, with a Detachment of 100 Officers at their Heels, patrole the Streets regularly every Night, to prevent any Disorders; tho', as yet, there has happened none, except that Yesterday in the Evening the Prisoners in the Castle of the Vicaria mutiny'd, and attempted to make their Escape, but were prevented. All our Dispatches from Calabria are very favourable, with respect to the Progress, which is now confin'd to the Village of Rosati, where two People only have died of late of that Distemper. We learn from Cattanzaro, and the Places adjacent, that between the 20th and 26th of last Month, they felt no less than nine Shocks of an Earthquake, attended with the most fatal Circumstances; such as the overturning both publick and private Structures, burying Numbers of People under the Ruins of their Houses, forcing Multitudes to lie abroad in the open Fields, where they are exceſſively incommoded by the continual Rains that have fallen lately, and which, it is fear'd, may occasion the breaking out of some epidemick Distemper. His Majesty remains still at the Castle of Sangro, which is very near the Army, and hunts every other Day in the Neighbourhood. The Queen also is very well at Gaeta, but it is very uncertain when they will return to this Capital. A few Days ago seven Tartans sailed from hence, in order to take on board the Troops posted in the Stati delli Presidii, to reinforce the Army. Two English Merchantmen arrived here, and have been treated in every Respect, conformable to the Neutrality.

Rome, April 11. His Highness Prince Lobkowitz arrived here, towards the latter End of last Week, with several General Officers of his Army, and having staid here a few Days, set out Yesterday on his Return, extremely well satisfied with the great Honours that had been paid him in this Capital. The Chevalier de St. George had an Audience lately of his Holiness, in order to acquaint him with the present Situation of his Affairs, and the Transactions of his eldest Son, since his Journey to France. A Rumour prevailed here strongly, for some Time, that the Second Son was also gone thither; but we are since informed, that this was without Foundation, and Yesterday and To-day he appear'd again in Publick, as usual.

Nice, April 11. We have carried our Point, all Things considered, as far as could be expected. The Communication between this Place and Monaco is open; the Piedmonteſe are absolutely inveſted in their Camp; we could have attack'd them Yesterday, but that there happened a prodigious Storm, which has disorder'd us pretty much; in a Day or two, however, we intend to renew the Attack; and, it is certain, that the Prince of Conti has written to Verſailles, that he expects to take Poſſeſſion of Villafranca in a Week, or less. This Moment an Expreſs is arrived, with Advice that the English Fleet, under the Command of Admiral Matthews, is arrived in this Neighbourhood, which may possibly change the Face of Affairs.

Vienna, April 18. Her Majesty comes hither almost every Day, to pay her Duty to the Empress Dowager, and to visit the Arch-Duke Joſeph. The Affair of the Marquis de Botta is become more serious than ever; and an Expreſs was lately dispatched to Count Rosenberg, our Minister at the Court of Berlin, with Instructions to enquire what Truth there is in the Charges brought against the Marquis, as to indiscreet Converſations, as to the Affairs of the Ruſſian Empire, during his Stay at that Court. Baron Trenck proposes to take the Field this Year, with a Body of Irregular Troops, consisting of 2500 Pandours and 150 Huſſars. On the 15th of this Month, her Majesty saw a Body of Hungarian Cavalry pass in Review, to each of whom she was pleased to make a Preſent of a Piece of Money, of her own Coin.

Francksort, April 27. The Accounts lately sent from hence, as if the French had actually passed the Rhine, were a little premature; but it is certain, they have thrown a Bridge over that River, in order to be at Hand to join the Imperial Troops, for the Execution of the Schemes concerted between the two Courts. The Imperial Field-Marshal Prince Anhalt Deſſau is daily expected here; and from the Measures that are taking, tho' with the utmost Secrecy, it is more and more apparent, that some great Deſign is upon the Carpet, which, it is apprehended, must diſcloſe itself very soon. The Elector of Mentz has demanded a certain Number of Pieces of Cannon, and a proportionable Quantity of Ammunition, for the Security of his Capital; which have been accordingly granted him.

Paris, April 27. We learn by Letters from Marſeilles, of the 17th Instant, that Admiral Matthews is actually returned from Port Mahon, and is now cruizing between Antibes and Villafranca. We have likewiſe the Satisfaction of knowing, that M. de Court is returned ſafe to Toulon, with the Squadron under his Command, and is now in the Road before that Port. He took, in his Paſſage Home, four English Merchant Ships; the whole Squadron, at this time, including seven Gallies, four Spanish Frigates and two new built Ships, make 48 Sail. His Majesty, by his Ordonnance dated at Verſailles the 26th of this Instant, has declared War against the Queen of Hungary, for which he aſſigns the following Reasons: The publiſhing ſcandalous Writings against his Proceedings in all the Courts in Europe; extraordinary Severities exerciſed towards the French Priſoners; attempting to invade his Dominions last Year; and spreading Manifeſtoes on the Frontiers, exciting his Subjects to revolt. Many People say, that this Declaration will be ſpeedily followed by another against the States-General; while others, who are full as great Politicians, believe it will be followed ——— by a general Peace.

To the AUTHOR, &c.

SIR,

THERE is, at preſent, an Affair under the Conſideration of Parliament, which appears to be of as great publick Concern as any that has or can come before them; I mean the Trade to Africa, in which every Man in England is concern'd; and therefore I deſire the Liberty of your Paper, to offer ſome ſhort Hints upon this momentous Affair.

It is the Trade to Africa which furniſheth our Plantations with Negroes; the Produce of thoſe Plantations is raiſed by the Labour of Negroes; a principal Part of the Trade, Navigation, and Naval Force of this Kingdom is owing to the Plantations; the Riches of this Nation, the publick Revenues, and the Value of Lands, are owing to Trade; and therefore the Trade of Africa concerns every Man in the Kingdom.

The Protection and Care of this valuable Trade has long been, in a great Meaſure, truſted to the African Company; they have had, for ſeveral Years paſt, 10,000 l. annually towards enabling them to maintain their Forts and Caſtles; by virtue whereof it is alledged, and, as I believe, prov'd, that this Nation maintain'd its Share of Trade, and its Footing upon the African Coaſt.

I am well aſſured that it has been made fully appear, that the ſaid Company have accordingly apply'd the ſaid annual Sum of 10,000 l. and almoſt as much more out of their own Money; and yet the ſaid Forts and Caſtles are ſo far from having been ſufficiently maintain'd for the Protection of the Britiſh Trade of late Years, that they are now in a very dangerous Situation.

Indeed not mention that the African Company are now allowed no manner of excluſive Right, nor do enter at all into the Conſideration of this Matter further than (as the ſaid Forts and Caſtles are their Property) how far a proper Allowance to them may not be the cheapeſt Way of preſerving this moſt important Trade.

The French it ſeems, even while Peace continued, made all the Eſſorts in their Power to engroſs the Negro Trade for the Advantage of their Colonies, and to ruin ours. And it cannot be doubted but, during the War, they will exert themſelves to the utmoſt; and if they ſhould prevail, we can never raiſe our moſt ſanguine Expectations, ſo far as to hope to obtain, by the moſt ſucceſsful War or otherwiſe, an Equivalent for the Loſs of this Trade.

Any inſufficient Sum that may be given to maintain and preſerve this Trade, will not be ſo much as a palliative Help; for it will be wholy thrown away.

If the Neceſſity of the Times ſhould be made an Argument for neglecting this Trade, either in the Whole, or in Part; it may be anſwered, That the very ſame Neceſſity is an Argument for taking the greateſt Care of every beneficial Branch of Trade in Preference to Matters of far leſs Moment; and of taking Care of this Branch in Particular, which is the Root of ſo many and great Benefits to this Nation; and without which the very Means of raiſing Money to anſwer the Exigencies of Government will ſoon be greatly diminiſhed.

I ſhall beg Leave to conclude theſe few Hints with the Thoughts of a worthy Friend of mine, who is deeply concern'd in, and thoroughly acquainted with the Britiſh Colonies in America, viz.

The Support of the African Trade ſeems worthy of the moſt ſtrenuous Endeavours and Applications of every American Planter, and alſo of the tendereſt Care of the Britiſh Legiſlature; ſince it is evident,

1. That the Preſervation and Security of the African Trade will tend to the Security and Improvement of our Sugar Colonies in America, and encourage our Sugar Planters to bear up againſt the Competition of the *French* Planters.

2. That the maintaining and ſupporting the Britiſh Forts and Caſtles on the Coaſt of Africa, is indiſpenſably neceſſary for the Preſervation and Security of the African Trade.

3. That the Trade to Africa and our Sugar Colonies are ſo nearly connected, that the one cannot ſubſiſt without the other.

4. That the Trade of our Sugar Colonies is ſo interwoven with the Trade of the reſt of his Majeſty's Colonies in America, that they depend on each other for a mutual Support.

5. That the Traffick, Revenue, Wealth, and Naval Power of Great-Britain, as well as France, depend, in great Meaſure, on the Welfare of their American Colonies.

6. That the Commerce and Colonies of either Nation will thrive or languiſh, in the ſame Degree as the other gathers or loſes Strength.

HOME PORTS.

Portſmouth, April 25. This Morning came to Spithead the Joſeph and Benjamin, Linthorn, the Mary, Smith, and the George, Torres, all from Pool, bound for Newfoundland, with Salt and Fiſhing Geer.

Deal, April 25. Wind S. S. E. Arrived the Cortan, Verdon, from South Carolina. Remain the Saphire and Succeſs Men of War. Several Ships are in Sight coming down. The Swift Privateer, Hudſon, is ſailed on a Cruize.

Graveſend, April 25. Paſſed by the Catherine, Edwards, the John and Betty, Clark, the Townſend, Hodge, and the John and Betty, Strahin, all from Oſtend; and the Earl of Gainsborough, Carey, from Leghorn.

LONDON.

His Pruſſian Majeſty has iſſued his laſt Orders, for a great Body of Troops to hold themſelves ready to march. It is ſaid he will open the Campain about the middle of next Month; but where, or againſt whom, is known, perhaps, ——— only to himſelf.

The Marquis de Fenelon, when he quitted the Hague, renewed his Agreement for his Houſe for three Months.

The Dutch Ambaſſador that goes to the Court of Verſailles, does it in virtue of the Treaty made with us in 1678, by which, if either Power is attacked, the other is to ſend an Ambaſſador to the Power that declares War; and in caſe the Diſputes cannot be compromized, then upon two Months Notice, the negotiating Power is to declare War againſt the common Enemy.

All the English Transports are arrived at Gravesend from Ostend.

The Edward and Mary, Young, bound to Norway; and the Haverfordwest, Ritchie, bound from Dantzick to London, are both taken by the French, and carried in to Dunkirk.

Last Wednesday Capt. John Patterson, an old experienc'd Commander in the Norway Trade, was unfortunately kill'd on Board his Ship, the King George, Outward-bound, lying at Blackwall, by an unhappy Blow of one of the Capston-Bars, as they were purchasing the Anchor.

Yesterday the Charity Children within the Bills of Mortality walk'd in Procession (those of the City of London, from Gresham College, and those of the City of Westminster and County of Middlesex, from Covent Garden) to Christ Church, in Newgate-street, being upward of 4000; where an excellent Sermon was preach'd by the Right Reverend Dr. Hutton, Lord Bishop of Bangor.

The same Day Sir Coventry Carew, Bart. Knight of the Shire for the County of Cornwall, took the Oaths, and his Seat, in the House of Commons; in the room of his Father, deceas'd.

Last Tuesday Night a Girl of between Four and Five Years of Age, was decoy'd into an Alley in Bishopsgate-street by three Women, who robb'd her of her Gold Necklace and Locket; they were pursu'd, and taken offering it to Sale at a Silversmith's in the said Street; and being carried before the Sitting Alderman, were committed to the Poultry Compter.

The Terror Bomb is order'd to be laid up at Deptford, and her Company to be paid off at Portsmouth, and to be turn'd over to other of his Majesty's Ships at that Place.

The Court of Directors of the India Company have appointed Messieurs Goddard and Adams to be their Supercargoes of the Portobello, Capt. Fisher, bound for Borneo; and on Wednesday the said Gentlemen took their Leaves of the said Court.

Last Night the new-born Son of his Grace the Duke of Portland, was baptized at his House in Privy-Garden, by the Name of Edward. The Sponsors were the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Limerick, the Lord Foley, and the Countess of Oxford.

Yesterday was held a Court of Admiralty at the Old Bailey, for trying Offences committed on the High Seas; when Bassett Bond, Captain of a Ship called the Justicia (employed in the Transportation of the Felons) was tried for the Murder of William Bird, late Keeper of St. Martin's Roundhouse, by not allowing him a sufficient Quantity of Water; when, after a Trial of Nine Hours, he was Acquitted; and the Court adjourn'd to the 23d of May next.

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THESE *are to give Notice, That a General Court of the Royal African Company of* England, *is appointed to be held at their House in Leadenhall Street, on Tuesday the First Day of May next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, on an Affair of the utmost Importance to the said Company.*

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